

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-21 are currently pending in the application. Claim 1 has been amended. Support for this amendment can be found in claim 1 of U.S. Patent Appl. No. 10/444,941, filed on May 22, 2003 (now U.S. Patent Publication No. 20040163125), which Applicants claim priority to thereof. No claims have been added. No claims have been cancelled. Therefore, claims 1-21 are present for examination. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application as amended.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-8, 12-13, 17-19 and 21 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 7,264,590 issued to Casey et al. (“Casey”).

Claim 1 has been amended to recite that “the plurality of microservers comprises a television signal microserver adapted to receive encoded telecommunication information from the external transport medium and to generate television signals from the encoded telecommunication information for transmission over the internal transport medium”. This amendment is supported by U.S. Patent Appl. No. 10/444,941, filed on May 22, 2003, from which Applicants’ application claims priority.

Applicants submit that Casey was filed on May 23, 2003. As such, claim 1, as amended, includes subject matter included in a priority application which pre-dates Casey. Accordingly, Casey does not qualify as prior art under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), at least with regard to the current amendment to claim 1. Thus, for at least this reason, Applicants respectfully submit that Casey fails to anticipate claim 1. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

Furthermore, Claims 2-21 depend from independent claim 1. Thus, by virtue of their dependence on an allowable independent claim, Applicants submit that claims 2-21 are also allowable.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 9-11, 15-16 and 20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Casey as applied to claim 1 above, in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,970,127 to Rakib. Claim 14 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Casey as applied to claim 1 above, in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,694,616 to Johnson et al.

Claims 9-11, 14-16, and 20 depend from independent claim 1. Thus, by virtue of their dependence on an allowable independent claim, Applicants submit that claims 9-11, 14-16, and 20 are also allowable. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that these rejections be withdrawn.

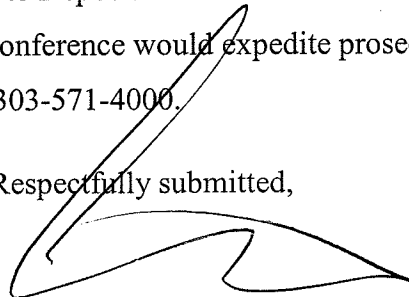
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested.

Further, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 20-1430.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

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